

Appln. Serial No. 09/806,756
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REMARKS

In the Office Action dated June 7, 2005, claims 1-4, 11, 13, 16-18, 25, 27-30, and 37 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102 over WO 99/14737 (Lockwood); and claims 12, 26, and 38 were rejected under § 103 over Lockwood in view of U.S. Patent No. 6,453,289 (Ertem).

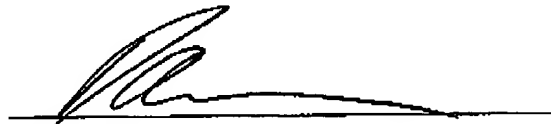
Applicant acknowledges the indication that claims 5-10, 19-24, and 31-36 contain allowable subject matter. Claim 1 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 5, claim 13 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 19, and claim 27 has been amended to incorporate the subject matter of claim 31. Claims 5, 12, 19, 26, 31, and 38 have been cancelled, without prejudice.

In view of the amendments, it is respectfully submitted that the present claims are allowable. Allowance of all claims is therefore respectfully requested. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees and/or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 20-1504 (MTR.0018US).

Respectfully submitted,

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